

2006 Spring Light Goose Hunting Season

(Conservation Order)

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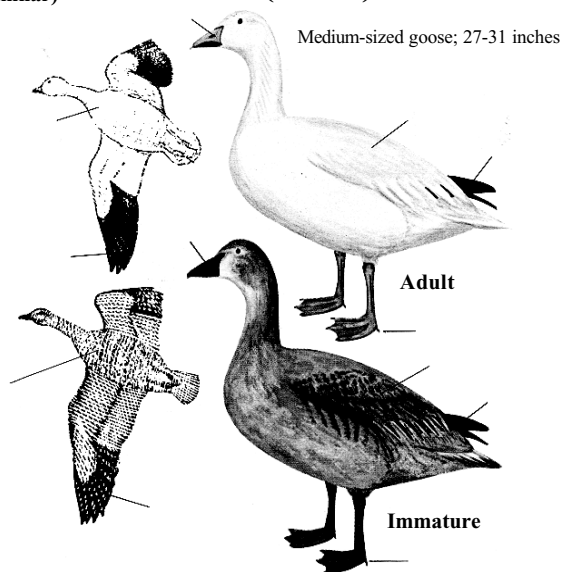
Spring Light Goose Season Regulation Summary

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Open Area & Season Dates	Shooting Hours
Light Geese Light geese include all snow geese, blue geese, and Ross' geese.	No Limit	No Limit	Statewide February 18—May 7	1/2 before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

- Resident hunters can hunt during this season using either 2005-2006 resident hunting licenses or 2006-2007 resident hunting licenses (fishing, hunting and furbearer certificate, small game license, general game and habitat license (or combination license)).
- Non-resident hunters can hunt during this season by purchasing a 2006 non-resident spring light goose season license (\$50.00). This license enables them to hunt statewide for the entire season. This special license does not affect the eligibility of a non-resident to purchase a regular non-resident waterfowl hunting license for the fall 2006 season.
- Required licenses may be purchased only through the Department's Bismarck office, through the Department's toll free phone licensing system (1-800-406-6409), or through the Department's web site at discovernd.com/gnf.
- All 2006 Spring Light Goose Season hunters must register with the Harvest Information Program (HIP). Resident hunters with valid 2005-2006 licenses need only call 1-888-634-4798 to be HIP registered. HIP registration can be obtained with license purchases through the Department's Bismarck office, through the Department's toll free phone licensing service, or through the Department's web site. HIP registration for this spring season will carry through for fall hunting.
- The Federal Waterfowl Stamp is not required for this season.
- Electronic and recorded calls as well as shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shells may be used to take light geese during this season.
- All Waterfowl Rest Areas designated for 2005 are open during this season; however, private lands within a rest are may be posted.
- Non-toxic shot is required for hunting light geese.

Only snow geese, blue geese, and Ross's geese are legal. Below are some identification characteristics of these species. They are not to be confused with immature white-fronted or Canada geese which are not legal and are described below.

(Sexes Similar) Snow Goose (Snows)



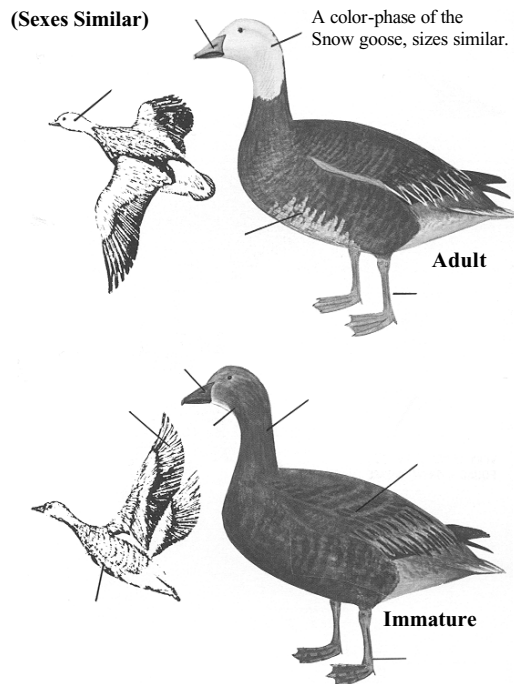
Body: Adult snow white; immature dusky white. Bill of adult pink with whitish tip; immature bill, dusky. Bill forms "grin patch" where upper and lower portions meet. Feet of adult pink; immature feet dusky. **Wings:** Adult, snow white with black primaries; immature, dusky with black primaries. **Voice:** Harsh, high-pitched yelp. **In Flight:** Adult snow white body and black wing tips; immature dusky white body and black wing tips.

Ross' Goose

Small mallard-sized goose. Identical to Snow Goose in coloration but has small short bill. Lacks "grin patch." Adult with wart-like tissue at base of bill.



Blue Goose (Blues)



Body: Slate gray. Head of adult white; immature, gray with small white patch on chin. Feet, bill and "grin patch" same as Snows. **Wings:** Slate gray with darker primaries in both adult and immature. **Voice:** Same as Snows. **In Flight:** Adult, white head and white or light belly; immature, slate gray with darker wing tips.

- ☞ **Driving off of established roads and trails is strongly discouraged during this hunt** because of the likelihood of very soft and muddy conditions. To encourage landowner/sportsman relations, please seek permission before attempting any off road travel during this season.
- ☞ **Wanton Waste of Migratory Game Birds.** No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his/her actual custody.

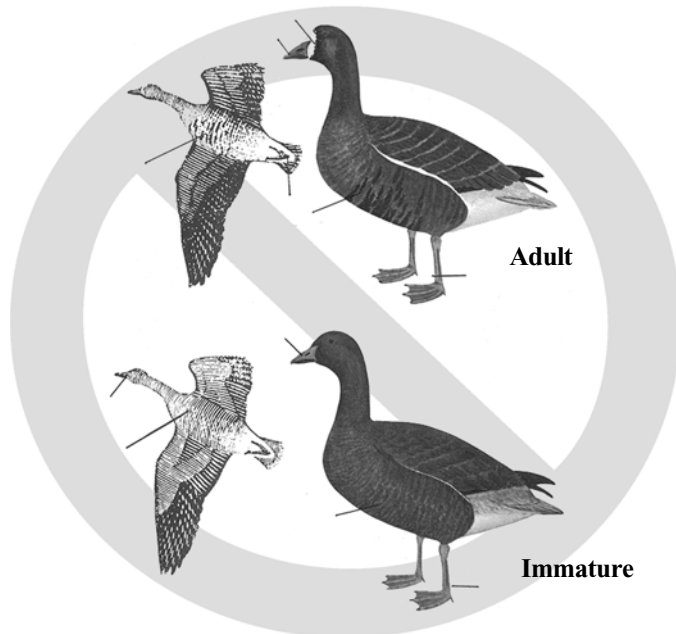
Be a responsible hunter. Learn to identify waterfowl before you shoot. Do not mistake white-fronted or Canada geese for immature blue geese. Do not mistake swans for snow geese. A waterfowl identification booklet is available from the Department upon request.

THESE ARE NOT LEGAL SPECIES

White-Fronted Goose (Specklebelly, Tiger Breast)

(Sexes Similar)

Medium-Sized Goose, 4½-7Pounds
27-30 Inches Long



Body: Grayish brown. Adult characterized from immature by black barring on breast and white on face. Bill yellow-gold with adult showing some pink at base and tip. Feet yellow-orange. **Voice:** High-pitched *ke-lee-lee-le*. **In Flight:** Yellow-orange feet and black-barred breast in adult evident.

Canada Goose (Honker)

(Sexes Similar)

Several Size Classes, Ranging From 2½ to
More Than 15 Pounds



Body: Blackish brown back and sides. Chest and belly vary from brownish to pearl gray with larger subspecies usually lighter. Head and neck jet black with white cheek and throat patch. Bill and feet black. **Voice:** Deep-throated *honk*. **In Flight:** Black head and neck with white cheek and throat evident. Immature and adult similar.

Please refer to the 2005 North Dakota Waterfowl Hunting Guide for the following additional information on waterfowl hunting in this state:

General Requirements, Licenses, Definition of Terms, Non-Toxic Shot Regulations, Aircraft - Boats - Motor Vehicles, Identification, Transportation and Processing, Posting and Trespass, Additional Restrictions, Non-resident Waterfowl Zones, Closed or Restricted Areas, and a Summary of Federal Regulations.